The sanctioned strength of Head Master/Head Mistress (Nursery) was reduced from 20 to 19 and that of Head Master/Head Mistress (Primary) from 59 to 50 w.e.f. 1st May 2002. The required representation and the actual strength of different categories of candidates on the revised sanctioned strength is given below :

	Head Master/Head Mistress (Nursery)			Head Master/Head Mistress (Primary)		
Required representation	General 15	SCs 3	STs 1	General 39	SCs 8	STs 3
Actual Strength as on 28.2.2003	16	3	-	32	12	4

The lone vacany in the grade of Head Master/Head Mistress (Nursery) reserved for Scheduled Tribes candidate was carried forward due to non-availability of eligible candidates in the feeder cadre and filled up by promotion of a general category candidate after deserving it.

(e) and (f) The New Delhi Municipal Council did not receive any representation from All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's Upliftment after 6th November, 2002.

Maoists activities along Indo-Nepal Border

†2211. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the sensitivity on India-Nepal border and increasing activities of Maoists, it is proposed to increase the strength of B.S.F. and I.T.B.P. in bordering area of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal with Nepal;

(b) whether any action plan has been formulated to encounter anti-India propaganda being run by Maoists in areas bordering with Nepal; and

(c) if so, the details of the both of the above mentioned proposals?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise. However, with a view to curbing various along Indo-Nepal border, the Central Government has decided to deploy the Special Service Bureau (SSB) as the border guarding force for the Indo-Nepal border. The SSB has also been declared as the lead intelligence agency. Besides, the States affected by left wing extremist activities and those bordering Nepal have been requested to intensify patrolling of the areas bordering Nepal to prevent the ingress of Maoist elements.

Change in the name of Uttaranchal

†2212. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttaranchal Government has submitted any proposal to the Central Government with regard to change in the name of the State to Uttrakhand;

(b) if so, when this proposal was received;

(c) whether Government have accepted this proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) In April 2002, a proposal was received from the Government of Uttaranchal to change the name of the State to 'Uttarakhand'.

(c) and (d) The State of Uttrakhand came into being on 9.11.2000. The State was so named according to the will of the people as reflected through the deliberations of the Legislature of the erstwhile State of Uttar Pradesh and, thereafter, of the Parliament of India while passing the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2000. The proposal for change of name was found unwarranted.

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